

Commander Goss grew up in Fairfax, VA, and graduated from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. He earned his commission from Officer Candidate School in 2000. As a Surface Warfare Officer, he served on USS *The Sullivans* (DDG-68), USS *Zephyr* (PC-8), USS *Stout* (DDG-55), and in Riverine Squadron ONE. He was also assigned as an exchange officer with the Royal Navy where he served aboard HMS *Marlborough* (F233) and HMS *York* (D98).

Following his lateral transfer into the Foreign Area Officer community, Goss was assigned as the Chief, Office of Security Cooperation, at the United States Embassy in Dakar, Senegal. Additionally, he served on staff positions at U.S. Africa Command and the Navy's Military Personnel, Plans, and Policy Directorate.

Commander Goss' final tour of duty was serving as the Deputy Director of the Navy's House of Representatives Liaison Office (LA-4) where he was instrumental in developing and fostering key relationships between Department of the Navy officials, members of Congress and their personal and professional staffs.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking Commander Goss, his wife Suzanne and his children Thomas, Orla, Arthur, Wilfred, and Agnes for their incredible sacrifices, devotion, and service to our nation; words cannot express our gratitude. We wish them well as they embark on a new adventure together.

HONORING VIETNAM VETERANS

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the brave Americans who served our country during the Vietnam Era. The courage, patriotism, and heroism that our servicemembers displayed when faced with the danger of serving in the Vietnam War speaks to the character and strength of these individuals and our nation.

I am honored to be a part of the Vietnam War Commemorative Committee. The brave men and women who served our nation during the Vietnam War set aside their ambitions, left their families, and risked their lives for our country. This project is a token of our gratitude for their selfless service and steadfast, unwavering devotion to our nation and the American people. The legacy of all those who served during the conflict remains an inspiration to our nation. To the families of our servicemembers who stood by faithfully as your loved ones departed to defend our freedoms overseas, I offer my sincere gratitude for your shared commitment to duty and service.

I will continue to work each day to serve all those who have served us so valiantly. Our veterans have made incredible sacrifices in honor of our nation. It is a debt we can never repay, and one we can never forget. It is essential that we provide all our veterans with the care and support they so richly deserve.

As the Representative for New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I will continue

to work on behalf of our courageous Vietnam veterans, servicemembers, and military families who have given so much for our country. May we honor and celebrate all our soldiers, and may God bless the United States of America.

MARJORIE SLOAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Mayor Marjorie Sloan for her many years of service to the City of Golden.

Marjorie Sloan has dutifully served as the 37th Mayor for the City of Golden for eight years, and as the first female mayor elected by the citizens since Golden became a Home Rule City.

Before she was elected as mayor, Marjorie represented Golden's District One as a city councilor for four years. Marjorie, her husband Dendy, and their children have lived in Golden for decades. In addition to her roles on City Council, Marjorie also served as Planning Commission chair, Foothills Art Center board president, Golden Urban Renewal Authority board member, volunteer, parent, neighbor, and all-around general Golden Ambassador.

Mayor Marjorie Sloan's legacy of leadership, vision, and trailblazing on behalf of the city will not soon be forgotten. I extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Mayor Sloan for her service and commitment to our community and her service to the people of Golden, Colorado.

RECOGNIZING THE 18TH PRESIDENT OF SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE, FATHER PAUL TAYLOR

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, it is a great honor to congratulate Father Paul Taylor upon his inauguration as the 18th President of St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

Father Taylor graduated from St. Vincent College in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics. He went on to earn a Master of Divinity degree from Saint Vincent Seminary in 1993 and a Master of Arts degree in Mathematics from Duke University in 1993. Father Taylor attended Boston College for his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration, graduating in 1998 after presenting his dissertation "Boniface Wimmer and the Beginning of American Benedictine Education."

Father Taylor returned to St. Vincent College in 1987 in order to dedicate his life to Benedictine education. He made his simple profession of monastic vows in 1988 and his solemn profession of vows in 1991. Father Taylor was ordained as a priest on June 6, 1992 in Saint Vincent's Archabbey Basilica.

In 1996, Father Paul entered the Office of Admission and Financial Aid, eventually rising to the position of dean. It was in this role that he developed a strong commitment to helping students obtain financial aid. Under Father Taylor's leadership as Executive Vice President, St. Vincent College launched the Forward, Always Forward campaign. This \$100 million-dollar campaign seeks to strengthen the endowment, as well as expand financial aid opportunities and enrich academic programs. On July 1, 2019, Father Taylor became President of St. Vincent, and I know that under his leadership, the college will continue to excel in providing American students with an education that sets them up for future success.

Madam Speaker, throughout his career, Father Taylor has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to education, his Catholic faith, and St. Vincent College. Please join me in recognizing and congratulating the 18th President of Saint Vincent College, Father Paul Taylor.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEELANAU CONSERVATION DISTRICT

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the Leelanau Conservation District as they celebrate their 75th Anniversary. Through its dedication to responsible natural resources management, land conservation, and a healthy environment, the Leelanau Conservation District has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

As an avid outdoorsman, I recognize the importance protecting our wildlife and natural resources through effective conservation. In that endeavor, the Leelanau Conservation District has been invaluable to Northern Michigan. First organized in 1943, the District works to promote the wise use of our natural resources through information and technical assistance to those throughout Leelanau County. From promoting healthy forests and responsible hunting, to fighting invasive species and preventing soil erosion, their work has been critical for the people of Michigan's First District. Our region is home to some of the most pristine natural landscapes in the country. I'm grateful for the Leelanau Conservation District's efforts to ensure that future generations can enjoy the same natural beauty we so deeply treasure.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate the Leelanau Conservation District for 75 years of service. Michiganders can take immense pride in knowing that the First District is home to such a trusted organization working to promote environmental and ecological health. On behalf of my constituents, I wish the Leelanau Conservation District all the best in its future endeavors.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JOHN CONYERS, TIRELESS FIGHTER FOR JUSTICE AND EQUALITY, CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE COMMITTEES ON OVERSIGHT AND ON THE JUDICIARY, FOUNDING MEMBER OF CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM MICHIGAN FOR 53 YEARS, MENTOR, BELOVED COLLEAGUE, AND DEAR FRIEND

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in remembrance of Chairman John Conyers, Jr., the tireless fighter for justice and equality, Chairman of House Committees on Oversight and on the Judiciary, Founding Member of Congressional Black Caucus, Member of Congress From Michigan For 53 years, my mentor, a beloved colleague, and dear friend who died on Sunday, October 27, 2019, at his home in Detroit, Michigan at the age of 90.

Madam Speaker, John Conyers, Jr. was a statesman and strong supporter of equality, economic and social justice, civil rights, and human dignity for all.

John Conyers, Jr. was born May 16, 1929 in Highland Park, Michigan to Lucille Janice and John Conyers, Sr., a union organizer in the automotive industry and an international representative with the United Auto Workers.

After graduation from Northwestern High School, John Conyers dutifully served his country in the Michigan National Guard from 1948 to 1950, the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1954, and the U.S. Army Reserves from 1954 to 1957, serving during the Korean War and as an officer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers where he was awarded combat and merit citations.

Following his military service, John Conyers earned his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor from Wayne State University and was admitted to the Michigan State Bar.

Chairman Conyers began his legislative career on the staff of the late Congressman John Dingell and during this time he also served as counsel to several Detroit-area labor unions and was referee for Michigan's workmen's compensation department.

In 1964, John Conyers was first elected to represent the First Congressional District of Michigan and was reelected to the succeeding 90th Congress and the following 15 Congresses until he retired on December 5, 2017.

On the retirement of Congressman John Dingell at the end of the 113th Congress in December 2015, John Conyers became the longest-serving member of the United States Congress, serving as Dean of the House from January 3, 2015 until December 2017.

Madam Speaker, John Conyers was also the third longest-serving member of the House in history and the sixth longest-serving member of Congress in history; the second-longest serving member of either the House or Senate in Michigan history, trailing only his former boss, Congressman Dingell; and was the last member of the large Democratic freshman class of 1964 to serve in the House of Representatives.

In the more than half century he served in Congress, John Conyers was at the forefront

of most of the seminal moments in American political history, such as working to enact into law this partial list of landmark legislation:

Voting Rights of 1965
Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (Medicare)
Fair Housing Act of 1968
Clean Air Act
Clean Water Act
Help America Vote Act
Affordable Care Act
Dodd-Frank Act
American Act With Disabilities Act
Assault Weapons Ban
Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1982
Drug Kingpins Act
Fair Chance Act
Elementary and Secondary Education Act
Social Security Amendments of 1965 (including Medicaid and Medicare)
Voting Rights Act of 1965
Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965
National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act
Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965
Heart Disease, Cancer, and Stroke Amendments
Freedom of Information Act
Child Nutrition Act
National Historic Preservation Act
National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act
Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act
Cuban Adjustment Act
Public Broadcasting Act of 1967
Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967
Bilingual Education Act
Civil Rights Act of 1968
Consumer Credit Protection Act
National Trails System Act
Gun Control Act of 1968
National Environmental Policy Act
Organized Crime Control Act, including the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act ("RICO")
Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1970
National Cancer Act
Federal Election Campaign Act
Equal Employment Opportunity Act
War Powers Resolution
Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act
District of Columbia Home Rule Act
Endangered Species Act
Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974
Legal Services Corporation Act
Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA)
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974
Energy Reorganization Act of 1974
National Mass Transportation Assistance Act
Safe Drinking Water Act
Privacy Act of 1974
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
Copyright Act of 1976
Federal Land Policy and Management Act
Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
Water Resources Development Act of 1976
National Forest Management Act
The proposal to expand Medicare to all, a political idea gaining increasing popularity daily, was first introduced by John Conyers in 2003 as the United States National Health Insurance Act.

John Conyers served on the Judiciary Committee that investigated Watergate and voted articles of impeachment against President Richard Nixon in August 1974.

John Conyers marched in the historic March from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and later employed civil rights legend Rosa Parks in his congressional office until her retirement in 1988.

John Conyers was loved by his constituents, regularly winning reelection with 80 percent of the vote or more.

John Conyers is one of the 13 founding members of the Congressional Black Caucus in 1971, which has worked diligently to strengthen African-American lawmakers' ability to address the legislative concerns of African American and minority citizens and has now increased to 55 members in the House and Senate, including myself.

While in Congress, John Conyers chaired the prestigious House Judiciary Committee from 1989 to 1995 and Oversight from 2007 to 2011, the first African American to hold these coveted positions.

Throughout his career, John Conyers used his influence to push civil rights; in 1968, only days after the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Chairman Conyers began a long and ultimately successful effort to make Dr. King's birthday a national holiday, which was enacted in 1983.

John Conyers also cosponsored and worked tirelessly to pass the Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986, which help topple South Africa's system of apartheid and free Nelson Mandela from prison.

In the 101st Congress, John Conyers introduced legislation to study the issue of reparations for slavery and was the original sponsor of H.R. 40, the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act.

I am proud to have assumed principal sponsorship of this piece of landmark legislative proposal and continuing the fight for justice.

John Conyers was dedicated to justice for all, he supported legislation to generate the Justice Department's national study on police brutality.

John Conyers was opposed to the imposition of the death penalty and began a series of hearings on police brutality.

As Judiciary Committee Chairman, John Conyers also worked to create and enlarge federal death benefits for police officers and firefighters who died in the line of duty.

Madam Speaker, John Conyers dedicated his life to serving his constituents and the citizens of the United States; his persistence for justice and his fight for equal rights is a testament to his character.

Chairman John Conyers will live forever in the hearts of the people of Detroit, his state of Michigan, and the United States.

John Conyers was a legislative lion whose presence will forever be missed, and we all mourn his loss and extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Monica, his children, and family and friends who loved him so dearly, my deepest sympathies go out to and I hope you find consolation in the certain knowledge that John is now resting peacefully.